

Ciszek called to order the regular meeting of the Land & Water Conservation Committee at 9:00 a.m., on July 9, 2010 in the Lower Level Conference Room #1, at the Vilas County Courthouse, Eagle River, Wisconsin.

**Present:** The following persons were present: County Board members; Mary Platner, Gene Ciszek, Erv Teichmiller, and Dennis Nielsen; others Carolyn Scholl, Ted Ritter, Mariquita Sheehan, Kim Goerg, and Rosemary Leveille

The following County Board member(s) were excused: Ralph Sitzberger

The following County Board member(s) were absent:

Media present: John Helgeson, WRJO radio

Approve Agenda: **Motion made by Nielsen, second by Platner to approve the agenda in any order at the vice-chairman's discretion. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

Approve Minutes: **Motion by Teichmiller, second by Nielsen to approve the minutes from June 1, 2010 of this committee as presented. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

**Agenda item #4:** Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program – Nothing for this month.

**Agenda item #5:** Wisconsin Headwaters Invasives Partnership – A resolution and a Memorandum of Understanding, MOU, (on file in the LWCD office) was given to the committee. Scholl stated that Milanowski, Corporation Council has some issues with the MOU before the County can accept it. Ritter said that after the County changes are made the WHIP steering committee will need to approve them also because some on the other groups involved have signed the original MOU since everyone needs to sign the same MOU. **Teichmiller made the motion to table the MOU and resolution until the next meeting when the changes, if any are made. The second was made by Platner. Motion carried. All voting aye**

**Agenda item #6 & 7:** Herbicide Applications – Invasive Species Position Description – The Personal Committee tabled the position description until they could get some answers from the insurance company. Scholl stated that they have now gotten the answer from the insurance company. The County is covered for the liability if the county employee is working within the scope of their position duties. The question of different scenarios was presented to the insurance and a new question has now been introduced, possible pollution. The insurance company will be asked what their definition of pollution is and what the cost of insurance for this is should it be necessary. **Motion by Teichmiller, second by Nielsen to reaffirm to the Personal Committee the position description with the insurance answers, and for the Land and Water Committee to be represented by Sitzberger, Scholl, and Ritter at the next Personal Committee meeting. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

**Agenda item #8:** Resolution to authorize application for WDNR grant funds – A resolution (on file in the LWCD office) was presented to the committee for review to authorize the application for a WDNR grant to be presented at the next full County Board meeting to cover the cost of the Aquatic Invasives Species Dept. staff for the next three (3) years. **Teichmiller made the motion which was seconded by Platner to authorize this resolution to be forwarded to the County Board on August 17, 2010. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

**Agenda item #9:** Agent reports: UWEX, FSA, LWCD, NRCS, NCLWCA, Lumberjack RC&D – Lumberjack RC&D, Goerg explained his position as coordinator. The next meeting will be July 29<sup>th</sup> in Lincoln County. **Motion by Planter, second by Teichmiller to nominate Dennis Nielsen for the Vilas County alternate representative on Lumberjack RC&D, Nielsen accepted. Motion carried, all voting aye.** LWCD, Scholl, Ritter, and Sheehan discussed their written reports (on file in the LWCD office). Ritter distributed the new Field Guide to Terrestrial Invasive Plants in Wisconsin. He stated that 37 billion dollars are spend in the US on

invasive control per year. He also shared three (3) different thank you cards and/or letters from different groups that he received just this week. Scholl announced the following: the new district conservationist for NRCS is Michael Swenebeck; the teacher and student scholarships for Trees For Tomorrow were offered to all the schools but only one student signed up for the careers workshop and no teachers applied; Conservation Camp was a success again but no one from Vilas County attended; the Little Tamarack Flowage in Conover has now formed a lake association and are seeking bids for soil testing; Ralph Sitzberger is now vice-president of NCLWCA. The WLWCA annual conference will be in Wisconsin Dells, Dec. 9 – 10, 2010.

**Agenda item # 10:** Lake Organizations, ER Unified Lakes Commission (ULERCLC) & Vilas County Lakes Association (VCLA) – Big St. Germain Lake District, Platner stated that the Lost Lake Dam issues will be presented shortly to the committee as a petition to change the existing contract. Little St. Germain Lake District, Ritter stated that their annual meeting will be the weekend of Labor Day and he will be stepping down from the board after 23 years. No other Lake District information was given. Scholl said that Big Arbor Vitae Lake home owners formed a lake association this past November and are seeking information to move ahead with an apm or comprehensive lake plan.

**Agenda item # 11:** Out-of-county travel – **A motion by Cizek, second by Platner to approve the following; Scholl, Ritter, Teichmiller and Nielsen to attend the Lumberjack RC&D meeting, July 29<sup>th</sup>; Ritter for the WHIP meeting on July 16<sup>th</sup> in Woodruff; and Scholl Conservation Planning, Kemp Station, July 12<sup>th</sup> and 2011 Lake Convention Planning Meeting, Stevens Point, July 30<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

**Agenda item # 12:** Budget/Voucher approval – The following vouchers were presented for payment: Richard & Juliann Greely-\$1,585.49; Jonathan and Ingrid Hanson-\$6,539.78; Ted Ritter-\$205.00; Carolyn Scholl-\$458.05; and Mariquita Sheehan-\$423.56. **Motion by Nielsen, second by Teichmiller to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

**Agenda item # 13:** Letters and Communications – The following items are on file in the LWCD office: Thursday Note, Volume 13, Issue 5; Northwoods Land Trust, Summer 2010; Forestry Notes, June 2010; Northeast Wisconsin Forest Pest Update, June 16, 2010; Grazing Network Members Network News, June 2010; Northern Region Forest Insect & Disease Report, June 2010; and a letter stating the 2011 WLWCA membership dues in the amount of \$1,656.10 (all on file in the LWCD office). Scholl also read a thank you letter from the Cloverland Lake Association thanking the department for all of their help.

**Agenda item # 14:** LCC Chair Comments – None for this month.

**Future Meeting Dates/Items:** The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 3, 2010 in the Vilas County Courthouse, 330 Court St., Eagle River, WI 54521 at 9:00 a.m.

**Adjournment: Motion by Teichmiller, second by Platner to adjourn at 10:40 a.m. Motion carried, all voting aye.**

Minutes reflect the recorders notations and are subject to approval by the appropriate board or committee.

Respectfully submitted by: *Rosemary Leveille*